

SALE OF HONORS AROUSSES PEERS

House of Lords Objects to
Increase in Number
of "Guinea Pigs."

"GRAFT" TOO STRONG
Nobility Ignores, However,
That Titles Are
Paid For.

MILNER IS VERY SEVERE
Says Present Government Has
Created One-sixth of
Present Barons.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The sale of honors, the mere words of which are of course a contradiction in terms, for purely honor cannot be bought. Nevertheless, the sale of honors has been a subject of debate in the House of Lords this week, and although the House of Lords as a legislative body is hung up and rendered practically impotent by the Parliament law this is a subject which peculiarly concerns that house, for the "honors" referred to are the titles that make men members of that house or are honors conferred upon rank that bring in their train pecuniary emolument of one kind or another.

For any man who takes interest enough in the matter to watch the "honors" lists published here at New Year's, on the anniversary of the King's birthday and other occasions it is unnecessary to point out how often the "honors" is a mere matter of purchase. Even at that these honors have great value in two other markets. Having been bought in the political market, they can bring back big returns in the social and matrimonial market, and together with the mere satisfaction of personal vanity.

"Guinea Pigs" Their Name.

There is even another market here where a title has a good money value, for the English lord, baronet or knight has a value on the prospectus of any new company, for titles impress the public (especially widows and the clergy) and so gain for their owners positions of command in all sorts of companies for which they have so frequently and much moderate fees that "guinea pigs" is the technical term for titles. Some few of these titles are really sold for a few of a guinea or two for very good meeting which they attend, the occasionally a few shares thrown in the ground round without any responsibility.

All the world knows that the giving of titles, from baron to knight, in the hands of the Government of the day, is a consideration to which the Government is not indifferent. For the titles are conferred upon men worthy of honor, but the majority are sold to men who put up the money for party funds. A Britisher shudders at the word "graft," but to buy a title is very often more costly than to buy a franchise.

The Radical Government, which administered a knockout blow to the House of Lords in the Parliament law and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Lloyd George, grows rabid at the sound of the word "graft," but this is not the case.

Try to Stop Graft.

The present Government's record in this respect is believed to be unparalleled and Lord Selborne, who was First Lord of the Admiralty from 1900 to 1905, a substantial part of his argument for a motion in the House of Lords "that a contribution to party funds should not be a consideration to a Minister when he recommends any name for an honor to his Majesty and that effectual measures should be taken in order to assure the nation that the Government are not influenced by party considerations in the award of honors," was supported by the Liberal party. The motion was carried, but it is to be noted that the motion was not carried by a large majority, and that the House of Commons in the following resolution:

Liberals Are Blamed.

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Site for Wright Memorial at Le Mans



The committee which is raising a subscription for the erection of a memorial to Wilbur Wright in the city of Le Mans, France, has chosen a striking site (marked with a cross) in the square, above the tunnel in the picture and close to the cathedral. It will be nearly 200 feet above the level of the River Sarthe, in the foreground.

At the right in the foreground is to be seen a curious bridge in the shape of a cross such as is not to be found anywhere else in France.

DRUNKENNESS BASIS OF RUSSIA'S POWER

Government Gets \$500,000,000
a Year From the Sale
of Vodka.

CZAR FORCED TO ACT

Personal Witness of Degradation, Ruler Decides on
Radical Changes.

Special Correspondence to The Sun.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Dr. E. J. Dillon, the famous correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, in the course of a long letter from St. Petersburg ascribes the direct intervention of the czar in the changes in personnel now taking place in the present Government crisis to the effect upon the sovereign of the spectacle of the material and moral degradation caused by the drunkenness which he beheld during his journey through the Russian provinces.

"The Emperor's impressions on the spot," says Dr. Dillon, "were deepened by statistics laid before the Council of the empire by Count Witte, who, although himself the creator of the Government monopoly of alcohol, inveighed against the spread of intemperance, which he alleged, is to be ascribed to the abuses which have been allowed to creep into the system."

Count Witte's statement is that when he quit the Finance Ministry the Russian Government received from the consumption of vodka \$250,000,000 a year, whereas to-day it receives \$500,000,000, and his contention is that no Christian State should be dependent for its existence upon the spread of drunkenness among its subjects. This view is adopted by the czar in his receipt to the new Finance Minister.

Aid to Monarchism.

"The czars publicly announced resolve not to tolerate this condition of things any longer," says Dr. Dillon, "has produced most favorable impression throughout the country and has considerably increased the prestige of monarchism in Russia. He has enjoined the new Minister of Finance to reorganize the empire by the means of the Government monopoly of alcohol, and to depend upon national intemperance as a recognized source of revenue, but to adopt efficacious means of extirpating this vice and to afford the peasantry the opportunity of displaying the high qualities of mind and body that characterize them."

Dr. Dillon points out how arduous is the task set to the new Finance Minister, Mr. Bark, by the czar, saying: "The task of substituting other taxes for a considerable portion of the hundred millions sterling which the consumption of alcohol now brings in is formidable in itself and the difficulties will be intensified by the utter lack of scope for constructive energy, should such energy be discovered among the new men. The straits of the old financial system are clogged by the results of use and wont and by the vested interests and as yet nobody knows how to begin the work of transformation."

The financial policy which lasted so long and gave such lucrative results is now felt to be a 'Prince Rupert's drop,' a ball of unannealed glass which, if this part be severed, the whole will break up in its entirety and must be remade. Many competent judges hold, therefore, that the changes in the personnel of the Government are and will for some time remain the embodiment in action of an inchoate, praiseworthy tendency, a primum decus, but the entire nation is grateful to the czar for his splendid initiative."

Has No Fear of Revenue.

The Novo Vremya considers that M. Bark will have no great difficulty in getting the necessary revenue if the productivity of national labor and the productivity of the surrounding villages. Even school girls in some places are reported to have taken to drinking. The President of the State Council in opening the discussion on the bill dealing with this evil

declared that they were all agreed that drunkenness was undermining the strength of the Russian people, physically and morally.

Some striking observations in this connection are made by Gen. Kuropatkin, Commander in Chief in Manchuria in 1904, whose views on the present condition of the Russian army have just appeared in the Echo du Nord. Under the heading "The Drunken Budget and War" Gen. Kuropatkin refers to a remarkable statement by Count Witte in the Council of State to the effect that at the very beginning of the Russo-Japanese campaign the Ministry of Finance took to squeezing more money out of the spirit monopoly to meet the extra military expenses.

"Such an indecent and disgusting picture," says the general, "as that presented by the transport of drunken reservists to the front was never before seen anywhere else in all history. When the military authorities asked to have the drags closed along the route followed by the troops they received a categorical refusal. It was a drunken mobilization. War is a sacred business, not to be lightly undertaken with drunken songs and accompaniments."

Smallest Club in London.

"Carlton Shelter" Has Honored
Many Men of Great Fame.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—In the heart of clubland, within a hurried yard of the Ritz, there is situated the smallest club in London. To the uninitiated it is merely the "Carlton Shelter"; to its habitués—and their numbers are legion—it is the "Junior Turf."

Dining room and kitchen, lounge and smoking room, are all rolled into one; on a cold day it is the coziest spot in Piccadilly. One of the guests at the top table called it was a supper club before the tango was heard of, and when the mushroom night clubs close their doors it is still ready to do business. And it gets it.

LONDON CABBIES RECALL
GREAT DAYS OF HANSOM

Men Ousted by Taxicabs Tell
Anecdotes of Famous Fares
at Annual Dinner.

Special Correspondence to The Sun.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—One seemed to hear the jingle of the vanished hansom of London in the Holborn Restaurant yesterday. The pensioners of the Cabmen's Benevolent Society were dining there.

One of the guests at the top table called it was a collection of flesh and blood antiquaries, and the old fellows chirruped jovially.

The nervous taxicab drivers who have superseded the men behind the horses will be lucky if they can make such a hale show in age as the horse drivers who sat with Lord Rothschild's gift bags inserted in their weather grained faces. This yearly treat is the one day when the cabbies can meet their old pals of the rank and shelter. In the midst was the honorable "oldster" cabman in London, who resembles Gladstone but is more humorous. He sat behind two generations of horses. He was on the rank outside the House of Commons and drove home many of the great statesmen of the Victorian age.

"Palmerston? A hearty old gent, but careful—oh, yes, the bare shillim! and that at 3 in the morning!"

There were some illustrious examples of meanness. One concerned a royal Duke (the Duke of Edinburgh) who had a passion for paying the bare fare. "Years after," related a brisk old fellow, "I found him again. He'd been abroad, got a bit more money, maybe. He was a great fisherman and I drove him to the tackle shop in the Strand. I charged him six shillim for a four shillim fare. Got me own back, I did, ten years after!"

Another jerry with a long scardie face related his fight with Lord Randolph Churchill. He summoned Lord Randolph for a shilling fare and lost his case.

"But his lordship sent his footman, all scurled and yellow stockings, after me with the shillim. 'Ere's a present from 'is lordship,' turned me back on 'im. 'I found 'im again. He'd been abroad, got a bit more money, maybe. He was a great fisherman and I drove him to the tackle shop in the Strand. I charged him six shillim for a four shillim fare. Got me own back, I did, ten years after!"

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In every detail the Leading Retail Establishment of Brooklyn.

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A Sale That Offers the Greatest Economies on Most Beautiful and Durable Floor Coverings

MOST OF BROOKLYN KNOWS the high character and great variety of Oriental Rugs that fill the Loeser Eastern Bazaar and spread out through the Carpet Store. Few American collections of Rugs have so much of beauty, of quality, of desirability at the fair regular prices. Therefore this radical clearance sale which we shall start tomorrow, a Sale that offers many beautiful Rugs at the lowest prices we have ever quoted on equal qualities; a Sale in which the average reduction is 35 per cent. and the occasional reduction half or more.

Practically every size and every good Eastern weave is included. Here are typical price details that should make you eager to come tomorrow and see how fine are the Rugs that match them.

Persian Saruk Rugs

The Picture Rugs of the Far East
\$400 to \$450 Values, \$262.50 to \$292.50
\$500 to \$550 Values, \$325 to \$357.50
\$600 to \$650 Values, \$390 to \$422.50
\$700 to \$750 Values, \$455 to \$487.50

Kirman Rugs

Very fine selection of high-class Kirman Rugs in beautiful soft effects—light and medium colors.
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Heraz Rugs, Halved in Price

One of the most serviceable Rugs in mediation and allover designs, such as would be found in the large carpet sizes. Color effects, rose, red and blue. Sizes average 4 1/2 x 6 1/2 to about 6 x 8 feet.
\$400 Values at \$262.50
\$500 Values at \$325
\$600 Values at \$390
\$700 Values at \$455

Persian Rugs

These are the Rugs of the most sizeable pieces, Kurdistan, Kazaks, Tabats and Mosses.
\$350 Values at \$227.50 and \$197.50
\$450 Values at \$292.50 and \$257.50
\$550 Values at \$357.50 and \$322.50
\$650 Values at \$422.50 and \$387.50

Baluchistan Rugs

Good assortment of these rich, soft, silky Rugs in pleasing blending of colors.
\$350 Values at \$227.50 and \$197.50
\$450 Values at \$292.50 and \$257.50
\$550 Values at \$357.50 and \$322.50
\$650 Values at \$422.50 and \$387.50

Oriental Mats

Included are Kirman, Anatolian and Siennas.
\$10 Values at \$6.50
\$12.50 Values at \$8.12
\$15 Values at \$9.75
\$17.50 Values at \$11.37
\$20 Values at \$13.00

High Grade Persian Runners

Very large assortment of thick heavy pieces, in choice colors. Here is an unusual opportunity to buy large and desirable Hall Runners at the price of a small rug.
\$15 to \$125 Values at \$9.75 to \$82.50

Oriental Carpets At Great Economies

There are so many large and attractive Carpets that it is impossible to list them all, but the examples given are typical of the economies to be found throughout the stock.

COVRANS

7 ft. x 11 ft. 11 in. was \$200, now \$130
9 ft. x 11 ft. 11 in. was \$250, now \$162.50
11 ft. x 11 ft. 11 in. was \$300, now \$195
11 ft. x 11 ft. 11 in. was \$350, now \$227.50

KIRMANSHAH

9 ft. x 11 ft. 11 in. was \$200, now \$130
10 ft. x 11 ft. 11 in. was \$250, now \$162.50
11 ft. x 11 ft. 11 in. was \$300, now \$195
11 ft. x 11 ft. 11 in. was \$350, now \$227.50

MESHEDES

8 ft. x 11 ft. 11 in. was \$200, now \$130
9 ft. x 11 ft. 11 in. was \$250, now \$162.50
10 ft. x 11 ft. 11 in. was \$300, now \$195
11 ft. x 11 ft. 11 in. was \$350, now \$227.50

ANATOLIANS

6 ft. x 11 ft. 11 in. was \$175, now \$113.75
8 ft. x 11 ft. 11 in. was \$225, now \$146.25
10 ft. x 11 ft. 11 in. was \$275, now \$181.25
11 ft. x 11 ft. 11 in. was \$325, now \$211.25

MAHALS

9 ft. x 12 ft. 11 in. was \$250, now \$162.50
10 ft. x 12 ft. 11 in. was \$300, now \$195
11 ft. x 12 ft. 11 in. was \$350, now \$227.50
12 ft. x 12 ft. 11 in. was \$400, now \$260

Broader and Better Service in Women's Apparel for the Spring

THE WORKING OUT of certain plans results here tomorrow in the inauguration of what we hope to be the best service in feminine Apparel that has yet been seen in this vicinity. The space hitherto devoted to furs will house an expansion of the Suit Section, with a specialized service.

We shall show here—and show first—authoritative styles from Paris and London, presenting an accurate index of fashion. This bettered service is to apply to suits of all kinds and all prices.

Tomorrow's showing will include the cream of the new models now in the market, all of them of the highest character. Prices shall begin at \$15, and thence to \$17.50, \$19.75, \$25, \$29.50, \$33, \$37.50, \$39 and up to \$55.

The first is a moire poplin with a fancy collar of lace and embroidery. It is a marvelous value at \$27.50. The second is of fancy crepe diagonale, the short coat with a cutaway front. Moire collar and cuffs to match, short overlying lingerie collar in front, new blue and purple, and a long rolling collar and cuffs in plain putty-colored cloth, hand embroidered in colored silks and tinsel. The waistcoat is of black moire, similarly embroidered, and there is a black moire skirt.

New Spring Coats, Special Values at \$19.75 and \$25

\$19.75. Moire antique, a long three-quarter length, finished with a double ripple at the bottom, cutaway effect in front, flat, turndown collar is finished with a tiny plaited ruff of tulle, which also appears on the ripple cuff.

\$25. Brocade moire, three-quarter length, the back finished with a double ripple of moire, draped with one ripple in front to a cutaway.

New Spring Dresses Unequaled at \$12.50 and \$15

Second Floor, Fulton Street.

Women's Tan Shoes for \$3.15

Instead of Five Dollars

NOT A PURCHASE of odds and ends or the left overs of a manufacturer. These are all Shoes made expressly for our own stocks, and with the characteristics of five-dollar footwear.

Extra high cut tan calfskin Boots with narrow toes, tips and light welted soles. In a fairly good range of sizes.

We also have the same model in black calfskin, in wide widths only. \$5.15 a pair.

Main Floor.

\$4 India Umbrellas, \$2

THESE INDIA UMBRELLAS are a special first-of-their-kind offering by the manufacturer to Loeser patrons who failed to share in the February Sale.

There are about 250 of them, about equally divided between men's and women's, all with the Full Two Year Guarantee.

that goes regularly with this model of India Umbrella at the full price. This guarantee includes frame and covering.

They are covered with a piece of dyed silk that is the most impervious to rain of any fabric yet used in Umbrellas. It is light weight, but will resist the heaviest downpour.

Mission and natural landscape men's with Prince of Wales hoods and opera turns. None sent C. O. D.

Main Floor, Bond Street.

Several Hundred \$3.50 Comfortables, \$1.98

SUCH A CHANCE as this invites your buying and storing them away for another season's use.

It is the entire surplus of a prominent maker, and all are perfect. They are regular three-fifty quality, covered with a fine quality of silk, filled with white cotton, and each Comfortable is finished with an 8-inch Japanese silk border.

There is a pleasing variety of patterns from which one may choose. All priced at \$3.50 and put on sale on a main floor table. None sent C. O. D. No mail or telephone order filled.

Basement.

10c. to \$4 Laces for 5c. to 98c

HERE IS A CLEARANCE SALE of pretty Laces which offers an exceptional chance to buy for spring and summer trimmings and SAVE HALF OR MORE.

It is a general stock clearance, including all odd pieces and remainders of some of our most popular Laces, including:

- Venice Laces, Allover and Insertions
- Shadow Laces and Net
- Black Shadow Laces and Fancy Nets

Broad range of patterns and widths and 10c. to \$4 values in the lot, for 5c. to 98c, yd.

Main Floor. None Sent C. O. D.

75c. Imported Silk Stripe Voiles, 29c.

AN importer of French and British fabrics decided to discontinue importing this fine silk striped Cotton Voile. About 3,000 yards remained to sell and these he sold to us at a very small price to make a quick turn.

They are in solid colors with self-colored silk stripes, very beautiful. Copenhagen, lavender, terra cotta, golden brown, cream, etc. They are 36 inches wide, and have been laid in a yard. The price of 29c. should bring them home early tomorrow.

25c. Voile Dainty at 16c

Some 2,000 yards of this pretty Voile, so well and favorably known under the name of Voile Dainty. It is a fine sheer chiffon cloth with most self-colored stripes, lined grounds, lavender, maize, pink, etc., and with neat floral printings.

40-Inch Voile Printed Rice Voile, 29c

Nearly 2,000 yards of Voile, woven as though grains of rice were scattered promiscuously through the fabric. Printed in charming small story, houses, etc.

32-Inch Zephyr Gingham, 15c

Over 100 styles and patterns, in various stripes, checks, plaids and all the good plain colors. 32 inches wide.

Interesting Values in Dress Goods

\$1.50 Silk and Wool Fabrics, \$1

Imported silk and wool Goshaw, a light weight, perfect draping material, showing a small brocade design in brilliant silk. In green, king blue, sapphire, Copenhagen, navy, dark rose, golden brown, plum, etc.

Imported Black Broadcloth Formerly \$2.25, at \$1.39

\$1.25 Imperial Serge, 98c

The demand this season is for the finer tails in serge. The imperial serge is the most called for. A special offering of this desirable fabric tomorrow in green, sapphire, Copenhagen, two shades of navy, brown, mahogany, fawn, black, etc. 50 inches wide.

Second Floor, Elm Floor.

News of a Fine Waist Sale

\$1 to \$1.50 Waists, 50c

A thousand new, crisp, fashionable Waists, mostly in crepe and baize, trimmed with embroidery, lace and in new and attractive ways. There are some of the new plaited models, some of the new crepe, some of the new crepe and crepe de chine, to these you also included a number from our own stocks, of silk, lace, crepe, chiffon, etc. In white and the season's best colors, including the new shades of chartreuse, blue, Chinese blue, etc. None C. O. D. No mail or telephone orders.

\$7.50 to \$12.50 Waists at \$5

A manufacturer's clearance of high-class crepe de chine Waists, reproducing the most recent innovations from Paris. Some are in tailored styles, others combine lace and crepe de chine. To these you also included a number from our own stocks, of silk, lace, crepe, chiffon, etc. In white and the season's best colors, including the new shades of chartreuse, blue, Chinese blue, etc. None C. O. D. No mail or telephone orders.

New \$4.50 Opera Waists, \$2.08

\$3 to \$5 Silk, Net, Lingerie Waists, \$1.98

\$1.50 to \$2.50 Waists, \$1.08

\$2 to \$2.50 Waists, \$1.20

\$1.50 and \$2.50 Waists at 98c

New Waists of silk warp tulle with crepe collars, cuffs and front bands, the closest imitation of a popular mode in crepe de chine that has yet been produced. They have the yoke back and shoulder and are trimmed with hemstitching. In maize, pink and blue.

Others of white tulle, the collar, basques and sleeve ruffles side plaited and hemstitched. There is a bow of crepe at the waist, just above the plaited basques. There are insertions of tulle and colored crystal buttons.

Second Floor.